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Michael R. Brennan newest member of the EOC

Columbia – Michael R. Brennan, of Columbia, has been appointed to serve on the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (EOC).

Brenan, President of Branch Banking & Trust (BB&T) of South Carolina, has been appointed by Governor Mark Sanford to serve as the governor's designee on the EOC. Brennan's appointment is coterminous with the governor's term of office and is effective immediately.

Brenan received his B.A. in Economics from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He has held his current position as President of BB&T of South Carolina since January 2000. Prior to that, he was Executive Vice President of BB&T of North Carolina.

Active in business and civic affairs, Brennan is Past Chairman of the South Carolina Bankers Association Board of Directors. He currently serves as Chairman of the University of South Carolina Business Partnership Foundation and is Chair-Elect of the United Way Association of South Carolina and the SC Independent Colleges and Universities.

He serves on the Business and Industry Political Committee (BIPEC), Midland's Business Leadership Group, Palmetto Leadership Council, President's Advisory Board at Clemson University, and the Palmetto Business Forum. His current work with foundations includes involvement with the Palmetto Health Foundation, Central Carolina Community Foundation, and the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Foundation.

"It's an honor and privilege to serve as Governor Sanford's designee on the Education Oversight Committee," said Brennan. "Continuous improvement of the K-12 educational system may be the most crucial issue facing South Carolina. I look forward to serving the citizens of South Carolina."

Brenan is married to Julie Brennan. Their children are Erin, Andrew, Rob, and Molly.

The EOC is an independent, non-partisan group made up of 18 educators, business persons, and elected officials who are appointed by the legislature and governor to monitor and review the implementation of the 1998 South Carolina Education Accountability Act, the Education Improvement Act, and the K-12 system.

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